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State Announces \$272 Million In Grants for Public Schools

Proposition 1D funds will help schools repair, build and modernize facilities for student success

Ensuring that schools are receiving the financial resources to provide students with modern amenities, the California State and Consumer Services Agency and the Office of the Secretary of Education announced today the allocation of \$272 million in construction grants by the State Allocation Board (SAB) to more than 300 California schools. The allocation includes \$259 million in Proposition 1D funds, the \$10.4 billion bond measure championed by the governor as part of his Strategic Growth Plan approved by voters in 2006.

"Governor Schwarzenegger has made it clear that California students achieve success when they are educated in quality facilities. These grants will help schools ensure that the classroom needs of the state's diverse student population are met," said State and Consumer Services Agency Secretary Marin.

An additional \$13 million was allocated to more than 250 campuses for emergency repairs. Click [here](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/pio/SAB/0808List.pdf) <<http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/pio/SAB/0808List.pdf>> for a complete list of schools receiving funding.

"These funds will give many California schools the opportunity to make much-needed improvements and the ability to enhance the learning environments for our students," said Secretary of Education David Long.

As part of Governor Schwarzenegger's \$42 billion Strategic Growth Plan to rehabilitate California's infrastructure, the Proposition 1D grants for new construction and modernization of facilities will go to 66 schools: three in Northern California and the north coast region; eight in the Central Valley; nine in the greater Sacramento area; 11 in the San Francisco Bay Area and central coast region; and 35 in Southern California.

Since 2007, more than \$2 billion in Proposition 1D funds have been allocated for school improvements.

Governor Schwarzenegger has facilitated and expedited the allocation of billions of dollars from the 2006 infrastructure bonds to launch key projects, create jobs and stimulate California's economy. Specifically, he has:

- Announced approximately \$136 million in Proposition 1B funds for 99 transit projects statewide.
- Announced the allocation of \$463 million in Proposition 1D funds for new construction and modernization projects for 29 charter schools statewide.
- Announced \$382 million in Proposition 1B funds for transportation projects across the state.
- Announced the approval of \$3.5 billion in Proposition 1B bond funds for transportation and goods movement projects across the state.
- Announced \$394 million in Proposition 1B bond funding for 106 transit projects statewide.
- Announced \$40 million for port security from Proposition 1B funds.
- Announced \$73 million for affordable housing projects in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 funds to help more than 1,600 California families rent or purchase affordable housing.
- Announced \$211 million for expedited implementation in Proposition 1E funds to four critical levee improvement projects in Northern California.
- Announced \$69.5 million in permanent low-interest loans from the Proposition 1C housing bonds to jump-start 14 affordable multi-family projects up and down the state, helping more than 1,000 California families and individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home.

The governor has made it a priority to expedite the release of the \$29 billion in unallocated funds from the 2006 infrastructure bonds to repair and update California's infrastructure. In January, the governor instructed his cabinet to recommend ways to work with the legislature to speed the distribution process of bond funds.

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